

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the October Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, B Driscoll, J Roddy, S Ralph. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner and Cllr S Christopher.

Democratic Half Hour – Concern was raised regarding the speed limits on the A35 and the changes to the timing of the proposed changes to 40mph. The area of A35 being Chideock to Bridport, the roundabout beyond Waste Transfer Centre. A start date being quoted was March 2016. It was suggested corresponding with Oliver Letwin if it was felt relevant.

Nicky Lewis, Representative for the Neighbourhood Plan presented at the meeting. A consultant had been hired to take forward the next stages of the process. A questionnaire has been formulated and shown at local events. Nicky is proposing that the questionnaire will be given to all households for completion and it was stressed that everyone should complete in order to get their views known. The timescale for this was not yet known. The rural vote is extremely important.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner advised that he had attended a budget briefing and that 3 million was overspent last year. 4.5 million was the estimated overspend for this year. There were some areas for focus eg Waste Partnership having a forecasted overspend of 1.376 million. The Dorset County Show and Melplash was attended by WDDC and the public were asked where to cut monies? The general feeling was as long as people had their service it didn't matter who actually provided it. Cllr Turner also advised that within the documentation 'World Class Dorset' a statement was included advising of the intention of unity.

Cllr Christopher advised that the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan had been approved by the Inspector. Note 7 within the document gave reference to the proposed houses at Vearse Farm, Sherborne and at Dorchester. Cllr Christopher also made reference to the Queen as the longest reigning monarch this week.

Cllr Christopher also advised that the Watton Park debate was robust and on occasions 'heated'. The site visit had not taken place. He advised that representation from the Parish Council at the next meeting would be advisable.

No police representation but a report had been received advising that a works vehicle had been damaged on 30th August 2015. Two males had entered an eatery in Symondsburry and confused the cashier by exchanging notes into different denominations using a distraction scam. They walked away with a profit. Beaminster Police Station is up for sale and the proposed plan is to operate from the Beaminster Fire Station.

223 To receive and approve apologies for absence: No Apologies had been received.

224 To receive Declarations of interest: None

225 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2015 were approved and signed.

226 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Streatfeild advised that Highways England wished to display documents regarding the proposed 40mph somewhere for a period of 3 weeks. The Shop was suggested as a good place to display them.

227 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £2,675.01 Deposit account £15,117.04

a) Payment of Account for approvals: Clerks Salary July £329.06, August £328.86,
BDO Audit £156.00
Nantes Solicitors £9.00
CB Reid (Accountant) £31.20

The Clerk also advised that the Precept for £6,132.50 had been received.

CPRE had sent renewal membership at £36. It was agreed to contact them to see exactly what they could offer us before proceeding.

The Clerk proposed to transfer £5,000 to the Deposit Account, however, it was agreed to postpone this until the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Driscoll, Seconded Cllr Smith.

228 Planning Applications:

WD/D/15/000521 – Watton Park – this was discussed within Cllr Christophers report.

WD/D/15/001927 – The Ark, 13 Eypes Mouth, - to allow permanent residential occupation- this was received late and therefore an extension is sought to enable councillors to consider at the next meeting.

229 Vearse Farm: Cllr Streatfeild had circulated a report previously regarding her meeting with Tony Hurley, Recreational facilities. Symondsburry Parish Council could manage their own facilities which is an option. A lot of discussion regarding a Section 106 Agreement.

230 Allotments – Symene CLT – With reference to our Insurers, allotments are considered to be small parish activity and therefore it is not a requirement to list them separately on our policy. Our Public Liability Insurance is 6 million. Sheds, polytunnels etc are the owners responsibility to insure.

231 Ice Cream Van/Trailer Concession: A request had been received to operate at Eype seafront. The existing caravan park already sited there were very concerned as they already provided icecreams which whilst being healthy competition the proposed location would only be 100 yards away. They are also the only provider of toilet facilities at the location and would be available to their clients only if another outlet set up. Presently they allow their toilet facilities to be used by all as they are the only outlet at the location. The Council would have a duty of care under Public Health. We do not know of any other land being suitable at this time.

232 Restore and repair finger posts: – It was suggested to purchase the roundels in bulk and a price should be sought. Cllr Holmes will take the lead in this area supported by Cllr Smith.

233 Future Agenda Items: Please advise Cllr Streatfeild well in advance of the next Agenda.

234 War Memorial – Listed Building Status – The Symondsburry War Memorial has been included in a list of buildings of special architecture or historic interest. It is considered that the Parish Council are the Owner of the War Memorial. Potential extra responsibility. The Clerk to include on our List of Assets. A letter to be written to advise that there had been no early consultation with the Council.

235 Superfast Broadband – A satellite option is available to hard to reach areas and negotiations have been taken place with Vodafone for 4G service.

236 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths –Footpath opposite the Brewery is closed for one week. Plenty of stinging nettles are around, footpaths have dried out. A tree has fallen on one footpath.
- b) A35 – Nothing to report.
- c) Transport – Bus Winter timetable is now known. Sunday service is continuing at 2 hourly intervals for the X53 Weymouth to Axminster service. There will not be a Sunday service for Bridport to Dorchester but could go via Weymouth?
- d) Allotments – Cllr Driscoll and the Clerk have visited all the allotments. The charging policy needs to be reviewed for the start of the new year to ensure alignment. Cllr Streatfeild will contact Carl Stoodley to enquire re wood chippings for the Pine View Allotments. Tree surgery may be required at this site due to some allotments being overshadowed.
- e) Flood Officer – Cllr Smith advised that we should have Flood warning signs and whilst he can store them at his residence, two people have to be involved. To be discussed at the forthcoming resilience meeting.
- f) Resilience – A meeting will take place next week at Highlands End at 6pm on Tuesday 15th September 2015
- g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Nothing to report.
- i) BLAP Report – Cllr Streatfeild will be attending a meeting in two weeks time.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Clerk to email to request next invoice. New Street Lane has been cleared.
- k) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- l) Ancient Monuments – The War Memorial was discussed earlier.
- m) Symene Voice – A past copy to be forwarded to all Councillors. Cllr Driscoll and Cllr Roddy to assist in co-ordinating and taking forward.
- n) Neighbourhood Plan – This was discussed earlier.
- o) Waste Management Centre – Coming on well. No date as yet for traffic lights.

237 Reports to receive and adopt: None.

238 Correspondence List: The list for July and August have been previously circulated. A letter had been received from Axe Valley Ring and Ride requesting a potential grant. It was agreed to send £150 **proposed by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Smith.**

239 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2015 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed..... Date